BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL...
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EVERY FORTNIGHT
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TV'S MIGHTIEST HERO!

STRANGE UNIVERSE
ALTHOUGH WE USUALLY ASSOCIATE SPAGHETTI WITH ITALY, IT ACTUALLY ORIGINATED WITH THE CHINESE!
THE PRESSURE OF WATER TUMBLING OVER THE NIAGARA FALLS IS SO ENORMOUS THAT THE EDGE IS WEARING AWAY AT A RATE OF FIVE FEET A YEAR!
WHAAHH!
BABIES MIGHT CRY A LOT BUT THEY CAN NOT SHED TEARS! IT IS NOT UNTIL THE BABY IS ABOUT FOUR MONTHS OLD THAT IT DEVELOPS TEAR DUCTS!

Welcome, Young Warriors!

Way back in issue #32 we featured Hordak's machine of mayhem . . . the Mantisaur!

As you can see from the title of the first story in this issue, the Mantisaur is back!

Also in this issue we tell the story of Skeletor's first attack against Eternia!

All-in-all, this is an action-packed issue!

Be Braved

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MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE
RETURN OF THE MANTISAUR!
IT'S NO GOOD USING THAT WELL... IT'S DRY!
WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS!
WE CAN'T FIND WATER ANYWHERE!
THE SAME SAD SCENE IS REPEATED IN VILLAGE AFTER VILLAGE...
HOW LONG CAN THIS LAST?
I AM SO THIRSTY!
DRINK UP, BOY! YOU CAN HAVE MY RATION!
I'LL GO AND SEE IF I CAN FIND AN UNDISCOVERED WATER HOLE IN THE MOUNTAINS!

EVERYWHERE THE PEOPLE LOOK, THE PARCHED FACE OF ETERNIA STARES BACK! THE MAYOR CALLS THE PEOPLE TO THE TOWN SQUARE...
BE CALM! THE HEROIC WARRIORS ARE DOING THE BEST THEY CAN!
BUT THE HEAT AND THE SHORTAGE OF WATER BOILS MANY TEMPERS! PRINCE ADAM TRIES HIS BEST TO CALM THE PEOPLE...
MY FAMILY NEEDS THE WATER THE MOST!
RUBBISH! WE NEED IT THE MOST!
GIVE IT TO ME!
IT SHOULD GO TO THE STRONGEST!
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE THAT!
YOU THINK YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH!
MORE THAN ENOUGH!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

SAVE YOUR STRENGTH! FIGHTING WILL ONLY MAKE YOU THIRSTY!
HE... HE IS RIGHT!
SUDDENLY, THEY ARE INTERRUPTED BY ORKO...
COME QUICKLY! HORDAK IS IN THE CITY!
PRINCE ADAM FOLLOWS THE MIGHTY MITE...
HE'S TELLING THEM TO RIOT!
THE DROUGHT CAME FROM CASTLE GRAYSKULL! DESTROY GRAYSKULL AND THE DROUGHT WILL END!
THE PEOPLE ARE FALLING FOR HIS LIES!

PRINCE ADAM TRIES TO CONVINCE THE CROWD THAT HORDAK IS LYING . . .
DON'T BELIEVE HIM! HE'S TRYING TO USE YOU AGAINST GRAYSKULL!
THE CONFUSED PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHO TO BELIEVE, HORDAK OR PRINCE ADAM . . .
PRINCE ADAM HAS NEVER LIED TO US BEFORE!
BUT WHAT IF HORDAK IS RIGHT?
LOOK AT THE SKY AND SEE WHAT GRAYSKULL IS DOING TO YOUR WORLD!
UNKNOWN TO THE CROWD, HORDAK USES HIS POWERS TO CHANGE THE WEATHER . . .
SOON THE WHOLE SKY IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS . . .
WE MUST DO WHAT HE WANTS!
ATTACK THE CASTLE!

FEAR GRIPS THE HEARTS OF THE ETERNIANS...
THIS IS JUST A SOLAR ECLIPSE! THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR!
HORDAK IS RIGHT!
ATTACK!
SUDDENLY A TERRIBLE SOUND CAN BE HEARD FROM THE NEARBY MOUNTAINS OF FIRE...
THE VOLCANO
IT'S ABOUT TO ERUPT!
WE'RE DOOMED!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE... AND I KNOW JUST THE PERSON TO SORT IT OUT! I'LL FIND SOMEWHERE PRIVATE...
BY THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL! I HAVE THE POWER!
USING ADAM'S WIND RAIDER, HE-MAN SPEEDS AWAY...
I MIGHT NEED THE RAIDER'S FIREPOWER!

STORY CONTINUED AFTER NEXT PAGE

Master Mail

Dear Scrollos,
In panels 5 and 21 of the Great Mistakes story (issues 47), you missed out the lasers on top of Grayskull. Is this my mistake or yours, as it wasn't in the answers.

ALEXIS WALKER, Bury.

Well spotted, Alexis! You were the only Warrior to notice that the lasers were being cleaned in the Battle Lab! Well done!

Dear Scrollos,
Does Sy-Klone have an army like Stratos does? I hope you can answer this question for me! I would like to see a story in which Sy-Klone saves the day!

PROZAC KEENAN, Co Kerry.

Sy-Klone is on his own, Prozac! As for featuring a story starring our Master of Speed... the answer is yes!

Dear Scrollos,
Can Rokkon and Stonedar fly when they are not in their rock form? It would make me happy if you could answer this question for me.

NEIL AGRTON, Arkendale.

Prepare to be happy, Neil! Rokkon and Stonedar can NOT fly when they are in their human form. Only by bending in to their rock shape do they gain the power of flight.

Dear Scrollos,
I have two questions about Snout Spout. Why doesn't he have tusks and does he ever run out of water?

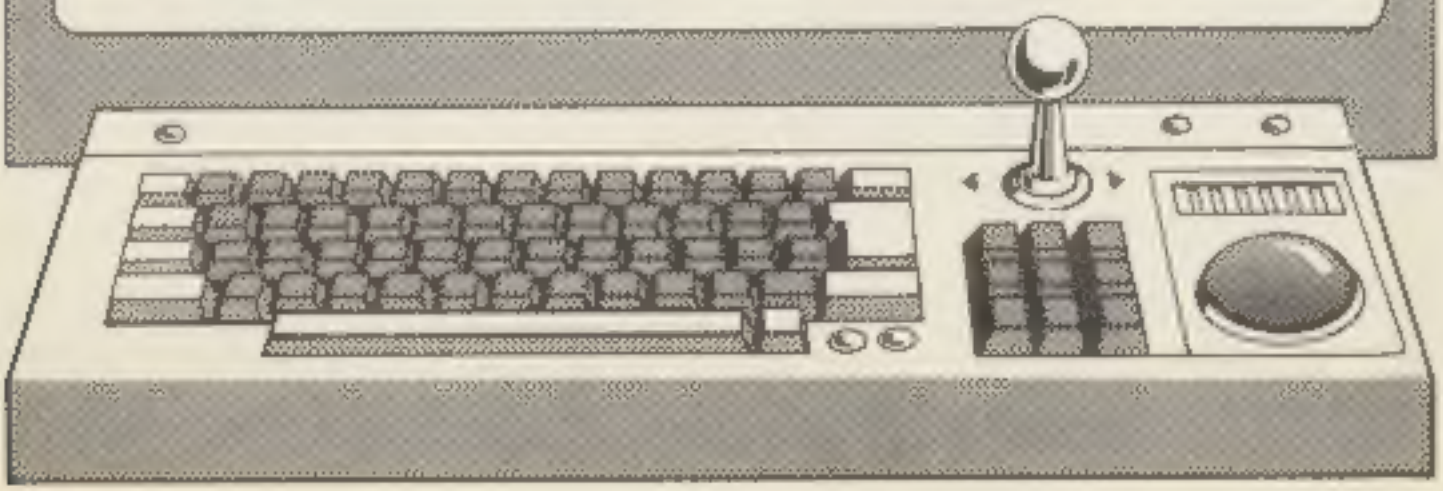
GARETH WAREING, Croft.

Thanks for writing, Gareth. Hordak didn't design tusks for Snout as he thought his water jets would be powerful enough as weapons. As for running out of water, this can (and does) happen!

Dear Scrollos,
I think your comic is fabulous! Could you tell me if Castle Grayskull once belonged to Skeletor? The front of Grayskull looks just like the face of a skeleton.

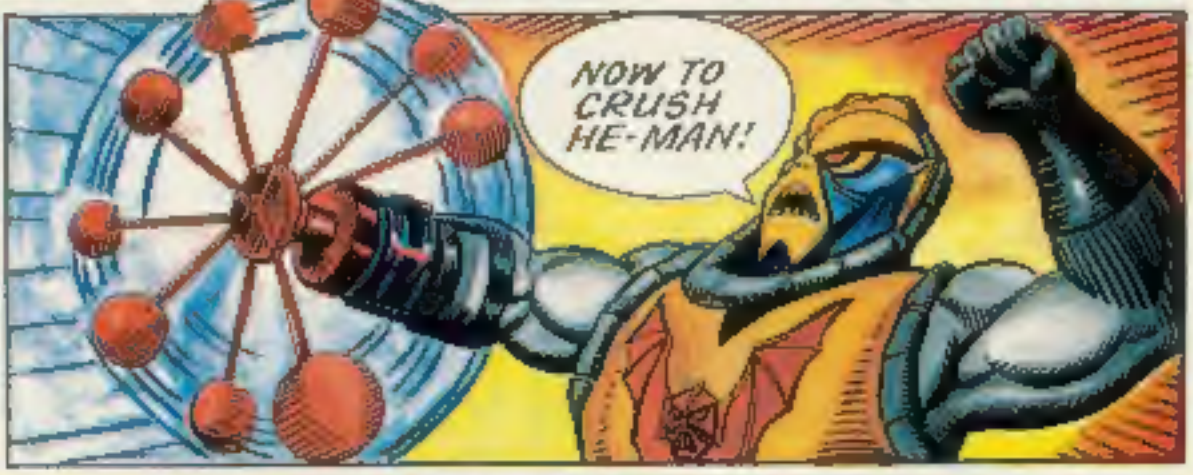
IAN McTERNAN, Brighton.

Skeletor would love to own Grayskull, Ian, but so far this has never happened. When the Elders built the castle they gave it a scary face to keep people away (as told in our MOTU Adventure Magazine 1).



HE-MAN SOARS ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN, RAINING DOWN HIS LASER FIRE...

HORDAK'S HURRICANE ARM BEGINS TO SPIN AT AN INCREDIBLE SPEED, TWISTING THE AIR INTO A WEAPON OF EVIL . . .



WITH ONLY METRES TO SPARE HE MAN LEAPS TO SAFETY
CRAASSH!
HA! HA! HA!
HE MAN'S SUPER POWERFUL BODY PROTECTS HIM FROM THE FULL EFFECTS OF THE CRASH. AS HE HEADS TOWARDS CASTLE GRAYSKULL HE FINDS THAT HE IS NOT ALONE
THE VILLAGERS!
COME TO YOUR SENSES! THIS IS A TRICK!
HE MAN
THIS IS OUR CHANCE FOR ETERNAL
ATTACK THE CASTLE!
ATTACK!
FOLLOW ME!

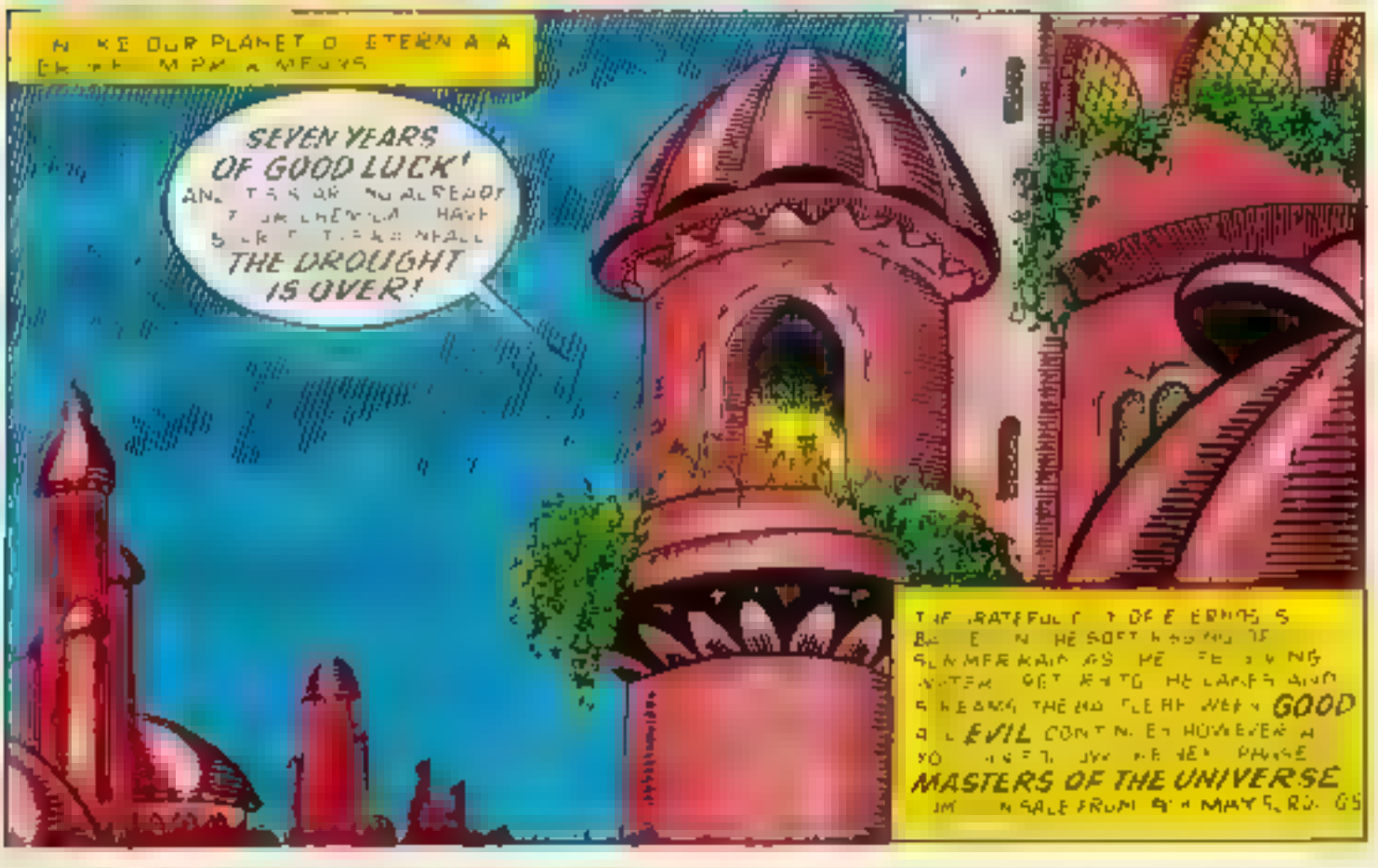
DESTROY!
STOP!
NATURAL MEANS!
HOW?
WHAT ON?
BROOOO

BRR-OOMM!
BRR-OOMM!
MORDAK WAS USING HIS POWER TO TRANSMIT A MIND ALTERING RAY THAT DESENSITIZED HIS MARTIAN WARRIORS TO BLAME FOR YOUR ACTIONS
WITH MORDAK'S DEFENSIVE LINE OF ATTACK AND FINAL THRUST THEY ARE ABLE TO THINK MUCH CLEARER AND SEE WHAT MORDAK WAS TRYING TO DO

THAT WILL JUST RAISE TO FULL POWER AND THEN AGAIN WE'LL HAVE DUNCAN

SUDDENLY

YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT MEANS DON'T YOU


SEVEN YEARS OF GOOD LUCK!
THE DROUGHT IS OVER!
THE GRATEFUL PEOPLE OF ERNOS SAVE SOME OF THE SOFT RAIN SO THAT SUMMER RAIN AS WE KNOW IT MAY RETURN TO THE LANDS AND SCREAMS THE MULTITUDE WERE GOOD AND EVIL CONTINUED HOWEVER A YOUNG GIRL DEEP IN THE PALACE
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SKELETOR'S
FIRST ATTACK
HORDE PRIME HAS PROVED HE HAS GREAT POWER IF LONGER THIS PUNY WORLD MY FIRST USE IS TO SMASH MY WAY TO FREEDOM
WHUMP!
GASP! THIS IS NO ORDINARY WALL EVEN MY MOST POWERFUL PHYSICAL ATTACK HAS DONE NOTHING TO WEAKEN IT

BY CONCENTRATING MY POWER ON A SINGLE WEAK AREA I SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEAKEN THAT SPOT AND SMASH THROUGH THE WALL.
IF ONLY I KNEW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO DO SO
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, SKELETOR AIMED HIS STREAM OF EVIL ENERGY AT THE SAME SPOT ON THE WALL. SLOWLY THE WALL BEGAN TO WEAKEN.
I CAN FEEL THE WALL BEGINNING TO WEAKEN. I'LL BREAK THROUGH WITHIN THE HOUR. STOP MY MINIONS OF EVIL
MEANWHILE THE POWER OF GRAYSKULL WHICH ALSO CONTROLLED THE EXISTENCE OF THE MYSTIC WALL HAD JUST BEEN USED TO TRANSFORM ADAM INTO HE-MAN FOR THE FIRST TIME...
IN ORDER TO REACH MY SLAVE GRAYSKULL AND TO BORROW POWER FROM THE MYSTIC WALL
WHAT TOOOOM!
WITH THE WALL WEAKENED FOR A SPECIAL TIME I'VE IN OTHER SKELETORS FOR A CONSTANT ASSAULT.
I'M NOT THE ONLY MINION TO HAVE FROM BEYOND THE WORLD
I'LL BREAK BACK TO DESTROY THE RULERS OF THIS WORLD
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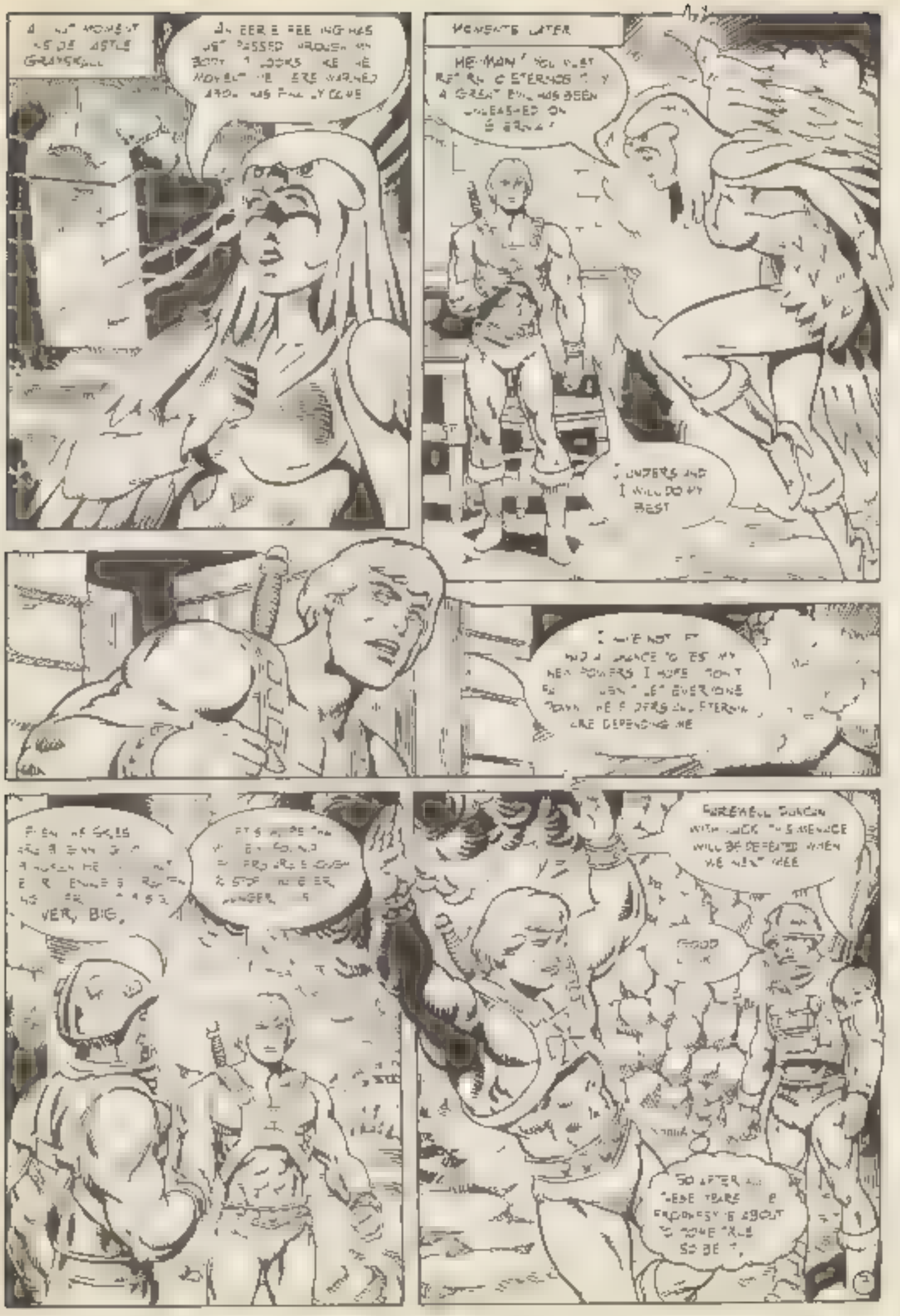
A FEW MOMENTS LATER
AN EERIE FEELING HAS JUST PASSED THROUGH MY BODY. IT LOOKS LIKE HE MOVEMENT WE WERE WARNED ABOUT HAS FINALLY CAME
MOMENTS LATER
HE-MAN! YOU MUST RETURN TO ETERNIA AT ONCE! A GREAT EVIL HAS BEEN UNLEASHED ON ETERNIA!
I UNDERSTAND AND I WILL DO MY BEST
I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TEST MY NEW POWERS I HOPE I DON'T BE TOO MUCH FOR EVERYONE DOWN HERE IF THE FATE OF ETERNIA ARE DEPENDING ME
EVEN AT THIS DISTANCE THE GROUND IS SHAKING FROM THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MONSTER. HE'S VERY BIG.
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO FIND OUT IF THE PROPHECY IS TRUE & STOP THE EVIL SORCERESS
FAREWELL DUNCAN WITH LUCK THE SANCTUARY WILL BE DEFENDED WHEN WE NEXT MEET
GOOD LUCK
SO AFTER ALL THESE YEARS IT SEEMS ETERNIA'S ABOUT TO COME TRUE SO BE IT.

I'D DO ANYTHING FOR THE MIGHTY HORDE TO REACH ETERNITY
AN INSIGNIFICANT BEING BE THE THREAT THAT THE SORCERESS WARNED ME ABOUT?
WHAT... WHO DARES TO ATTACK THE MIGHTY SKELETOR?
GASP HIS BODY IS COMPLETELY FLESHLESS! HES A LIVING SKELETON.
OUR DEFENSES ARE THE UNIVERSE BRING TO THE SOUND OF THE HORN AND SKELETOR IN BATTLE
WHAT FOOLS THESE ETERNIANS ARE! THEY THINK THAT ONE WARRIOR CAN DEFEAT THE POWER OF SKELETOR
IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN HEROS TO DEFEAT US.
SKELETOR IS ALSO A CREATURE OF DEEDS.
UGH.
WHEW! I'VE BEEN TOOK ME BY SURPRISE BUT AT LEAST MY NEW POWERS SEEM TO HAVE PROTECTED ME
BUT UNLESS I MAKE QUICK WORK OF THESE HEROES AND LAST BATTLE
GASP! THESE HEROES SEEM STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
BEFORE SKELETOR
THUNK

AS HE CAN BEGINS TO STAND UP THE HUGE OF THE SORCERESS APPEARS BEFORE HIM.
HE HAS LOST HIS SWORD AND HIS MAGICAL POWERS
SHE HAS ONE OF THE ENCHANTMENTS OF THIS LAND BUT NO SWORD GLOWING SOMETHING SHE MIGHT USE
CONCENTRATE..
KRAK
MP!
WHUMP!
INCREDIBLE.
AAAK!
MY STAFF!

BAH! YOU TOOK ME BY SURPRISE THIS TIME... BUT WHEN I RETURN I WILL CRUSH YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS CITY!
MORE ENCHANTMENT!
SKELETOR'S SINISTER SPELL TELEPORTED HIM AWAY FROM DANGER...
WITH THIS NEW CHAMPION ON ETERNIA MY BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF GOOD WILL TAKE LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.
MY SPELL SHOULD HAVE TELEPORTED ME TO A PLACE I CAN USE AS MY BASE. HMMMM... THAT MOUNTAIN LOOKS SUITABLE!
VERY SUITABLE INDEED!
RUMBLE!
CRASH!
MY MAGICAL POWERS TOLD ME THAT THIS ANCIENT BUILDING WAS HERE. IT WILL BECOME MY HEADQUARTERS AS I RAISE AN ARMY OF EVIL WARRIORS WITH WHICH TO CONQUER THIS WORLD!
THIS IS THE ORIGINAL SNAKE MOUNTAIN. IT WASN'T UNTIL MUCH LATER THAT SKELETOR TRANSFORMED THE BUILDING INTO THE ONE WE SEE TODAY!
SKELETOR USED THE POWER OF SNAKE MOUNTAIN AND HIS OWN MYSTIC ABILITIES TO GATHER AN ARMY OF RUTHLESS AND POWERFUL WARRIORS AROUND HIM. HE VOWED THAT DAY TO DEFEAT HE-MAN AND TO CONQUER ETERNIA!
A FUTURE ISSUE OF THE MIGHTY MOTU COMIC WILL SHOW YOU HOW SKELETOR GATHERED HIS FIRST CHAMPIONS OF CHAOS AND HOW THEY NEARLY DEFEATED HE-MAN! SCROLLOS!
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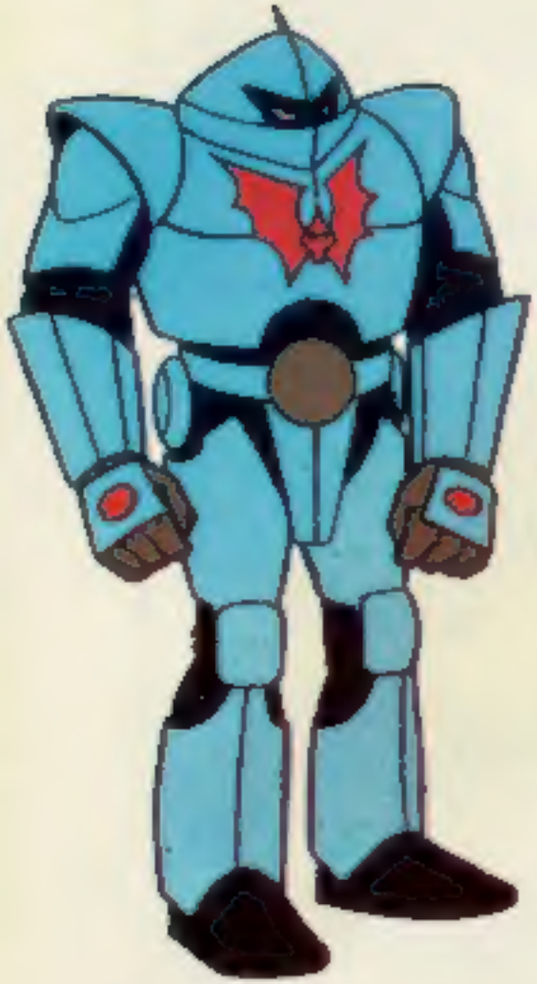

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